By Richard Harris

Give a cheer! Ring the bells! The track team is under way! I suppose you have noticed, as I have, that the last three issues of the CHATTER have had articles or notices that the track team would soon (?) get under way.

Now comes the crowning glory. In this issue of the CHATTER comes the long-awaited announcement that the track team is, at this very moment, well under way.

The boys' softball intramurals are now being played and the results are awaited with baited breath.

Don't shout my ears off! I hear you, and I agree very definitely. Your homeroom most certainly will be the champ. I never thought for a moment another would stand a chance.

Mr. Gross' gym section is now participating in that strenuous sport of volleyball. The other sections in gym either have had or will have the chance to play this game also. The boys, of course, didn't relish the idea, but with a little impetus in the form of laps around the track for the losers they really play for all they're worth. It's amazing how well gym teachers seem to know psychology.

As far as interschool sports are concerned, things seem rather dull. We are caught between the baseball season and the track and swimming season, which sure is hard on the boys' sports editor.

The least the coaches could do would be to come up with a fantastic new track star who could run the mile in two minutes, (in case you don't know, that's hot stuff) or a swimmer who grew up in the ocean, outswimming any fish or man alive.

I hope you realize that this column is mainly a sounding board for your congratulations and gripes, so if you have something you want to appear here, drop your suggestion in the CHATTER box, which is in the office. I'm here to stay, so you might as well co-operate.

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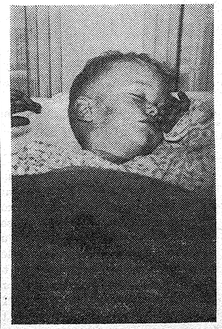
Panda Cub Album



Here in his crib he sleepingly lies.
Now one of Pershing's well-known guys.

Student Council member he.
Football player he used to be.

We often hear him when he sings.
In the chorus his voice rings.

Now if you haven't guessed who,
I'll give you one more little clue.

His name in code is—
GSGJ IBNOH
Last month—Wanda Phears.

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Poor Sam

Science is dull? Not when there's someone like Sam in your class. Sam occupies a seat on the window sill in room 213. This isn't particularly unusual, considering Sam isn't exactly human. He is a blue parakeet. Most of Sam's time is spent admiring himself in the small mirror found in his cage.

When Mrs. Starkey's science classes become unusually noisy, Sam gets in the mood, too. As the voices get louder and louder, he chimes in. At last, room 213 sounds like "the day after the night before." The result—a pop test. Silence fills the air. A feeling of regret creeps into everyone's life.

Sam is still sitting on the window sill chirping happily, while the students in room 213 are receiving failing slips. Lucky Sam. He wasn't blessed with the gift of gab.

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AN INTERVIEW —
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gar Bergen, Polly Firestone, and daughter Pam's Godmother, Claudette Colbert.

That smart looking hairdo June wears is not done by a professional hair stylist. It is the superb work of Miss Allyson's own two hands! She washes her naturally curly hair every day with Lux soap, and never has to set it.

In conclusion, let me say that all these stories you hear about Miss Allyson being so nice and friendly to her fans, and about her twinkling eyes disappearing when she laughs, are not rumors! They are pure fact! She is a magnificently wonderful person, through and through.

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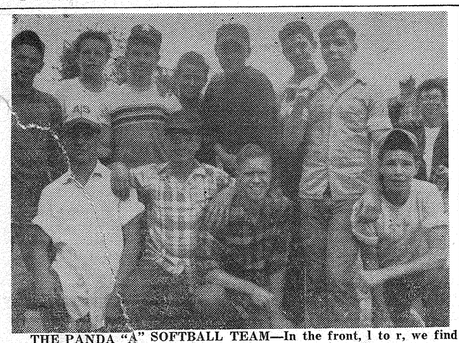

THE PANDA "A" SOFTBALL TEAM—In the front, l to r, we find Steve Thomas, Jerry Johnston, Bill Jensen, Jimmy Brents, and Carrol Sylvester. In the back row are: Hal Hilburn, John Stradinger, Gus Koerner, Rayford High, Steve Tatum, Buddy Able, and Marc Stern, Manager. Other members are Milton Womack, Chuck Hill, and Sonny Young.

Softball Season

PANDA "A"

	First Half P		Last Half P	
Lanier	15	3	20	23
Johnston	3	5	12	10
Jackson	12	2	10	8
Deady	2	13	10	9
Edison	10	15	4	14

PANDA "B"

	First Half P		Last Half P	
Lanier	7	6	6	3
Johnston	1	2	7	10
Jackson	6	9	1	8
Deady	1	6	1	11
Edison	11	5	18	6

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Panda Hit Parade

Is your record collection up to date? We find these, "The Tops in Pops" around Pershing.

1. "Wanted"
2. "Little Things Mean a Lot"
3. "Here"
4. "Such a Night"
5. "Maybe Next Time"
6. "Cross Over the Bridge"
7. "Young at Heart"
8. "Make Love to Me"
9. "The Man Upstairs"
10. "I Get So Lonely"

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Case of the Dirty Lunchroom

Dum De Dum Dum. Name is Friday. I'm a cop. At 11:10 I got a call from the Pershing Lunchroom. Seems as there was some trouble there. At 11:20 my pal Frank and I left to check on it. Seems as they were having trouble keeping the lunchroom clean. Tables were dirty, floors were dirty, glasses and bottles were left on tables, and all sacks weren't in garbage cans.

We checked further and found out glasses, bottles, and silverware were missing; also conduct had much to be desired. We questioned students; they acted suspicious. We took them in and booked them on Article 7754, dirty lunchroom.

Dum De Dum Dum. On April 16, 1954 trial was held in Supreme Court 87. The results of that case—guilty. Verdict—now serving a life term in a clean lunchroom.

—Dian Duryea

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Deck Tennis Games Completed

Girls deck tennis intramurals were finished during the last few weeks.

In the eighth grade the playoff was between Moore's homeroom and Long's homeroom with Long emerging victorious.

The seventh grade winner was Patterson's homeroom who played Pruitt's homeroom in the final bout.

The winner of the ninth grade, as announced before, is Leggett's homeroom.

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Story With A Melody

By Dorothy Evelyn Reese

"With These Hands" I'll get into more trouble.
"I'm Walking Behind You" when you go to Mr. Ratliff's office.
"Just a Little Lovin' Will Go a Long Way" after one of Miss Moreland's tests.
"Oh Oh Oh" I cry after the pop tests in science.
"Ricochet" to the halls of Dear Ole Pershing High from the ninth grade class.
I'd go from "Rags to Riches" if I made an A in algebra.
"Where Is Your Heart" to Mr. Thomasson after his six weeks test.
I was "Crying in the Chapel" after I received my report card.
"Cry" after those daily pop tests in Latin.
"Seven Lonely Days" were spent trying to write this article.

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PANDA'S TEEN-AGERS

We're leaving Pershing very soon,
During the happy month of June.
We've had our parties, dances too,
Made new friends the whole year through.

Our teachers too, have been real cool,
Yep, all in all, a real nice school!
We've had a lot of fun I know,
And hope it always continues so.

—By Terry Van Wagner

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Teams Organizing For Coming Season

The swimming and track teams are now in the process of organizing for the coming season.

Both teams have started their tryouts and the coaches have a fair idea of who will end up on the teams.

Mr. Gross is the swimming coach, with Mr. Thompson having charge of track.

Open for young boys, 14 and under, are the 100 yard dash, 50 yard dash, 880 yard, (half-mile) run, and the shot put. All these are open for the older boys (15 and over) in addition to a shuttle relay and a low hurdles race.

Both teams have one important meet in the season.

The week beginning April 19 we should know who has been picked for these Pershing teams.

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Lemons and Lollipops

Lemons—to all the teachers who pulled April fools tests on their classes.
Lollipops— to Maureen Miller for wearing such cute clothes.
Lemons—to Janis Pettit for getting sick and not being able to sing in the Easter program.
Lollipops—to Mrs. Perkins for being so patient with the ninth grade chorus for the last 5 to 6 weeks.
Lemons—to Ann Milton for getting the mumps and missing school.
Lollipops—to Randy Moore for getting his front teeth back.
Lemons—to Richard Harris for being the only boy in the Chatter Club.
Lollipops—to all those running for cheerleader and councilman-at-large.
Lemons—to Bobby Lindsey for getting a burr hair cut.
Lollipops—to Dick Putney for adding his efforts to the flower show.

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SPANISH CLUB —
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and Ann Voight. Roger Applewhite was the old servant.

The story took place in the library of the home of a prospective traveler who was looking through his vacation travel folders on the eve of his journey Southward and he falls asleep and dreams of what he will see in the Central and South American Countries.

Other dancers in the play included the Jarape Tapatio by Melba St. Clair and Tommy Tune; La Mestica, dance of the flower girls and La Bamba—the carnival dance. These dances were taught by Miss Dorothy Farrington of the Rice Institute.

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Making last minute preparations for the 1954 Flower Show are the chairmen, Pat Faulkner (left), and Judy Pettitt (right). Assisting is Joyce Moyers.—Photo by Harvey Wheeler.

Annual Flower Show Held

Pershing's Annual Spring flower show was held April 9 from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in front of the Pershing Auditorium.

Entry blanks were obtained from homeroom teachers. The entries were judged on point basis and only those scoring 50 were considered.

The three homerooms scoring highest were Leggett, Richardson, and Moreland. The individual prize went to Patricia Isaacs from Hansen's homeroom.

Entries were classified a "To Dear Teacher," "Modern Gaiety," "Teen-Age Coke Party," "Our Home Sweet Home," "Texas Sunshine," "Grandmother's Bouquet," "Dish Gardens," "Pot Plant", and "Miniature Arrangements."

The show was sponsored by Mrs. Norma Richardson, Mrs. Leone Lord and The Future Homemakers Club.

Hearing Test Held

On March 29, 30, and 31 hearing tests were held in the library for the low and high seventh graders. The new students in the eighth and ninth grade were tested also.

The test was conducted by two hearing technicians, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. McMurrough. Pershing's nurse, Mrs. Beatrice Winkler, also gave a helping hand.

An Interview With A Movie Actress

By Sherry Evans

The jolliest coke party I ever attended was held at the Hilton Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, on April 3. The hostess? None other than THE June Allyson, of Hollywood. The party was given in honor of the editors of high school newspapers, in order that they might have an opportunity to interview a celebrity.

A lucky trial of fate found me in Fort Worth that day, quite by chance, so I lost no time in arranging to sit in on the interview. For a heavenly hour and fifteen minutes I was her "right hand gal"—sitting smack in front of her throughout the "chit-chat-and-goodies" session. We learned many interesting facts about her—far too many to mention all here, but to sum it up, she's a real gone, wonderful personality, sincere to the core, and Texas and teenagers are "it" in her estimation.

Husband Dick Powell is her favorite actor, naturally, and she adores her children, Pamela and Ricky.

Giving autographs is her pleasure, because she says teenagers constitute the bulk of keen public, and she loves 'em! The amusing thing was that "Mr. Fort Worth" put a beautiful new Lincoln Capri at the disposal of June Allyson and her secretary, and—you guessed it—neither of them has any knowledge of driving!

Miss Allyson's best friends around Hollywood are her secretary Barbara Salisbury, Mrs. Ed-
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Art Classes Make Animals for Easter

The art classes in Pershing have been working on a very interesting project. They made paper mache' animals to give to the Crippled Children's Hospital for Easter.

Among the animals are an ant, a bookworm, a mouse, and other animals of all sizes and shapes. They also made figures of Humpty Dumpty, Snow White, Ollie, the dragon, and a huge Easter bunny.

The class has been working on these animals for about five weeks, and in all has completed about two hundred and fifty figures.

May Fete Set For May 13, 14

Judy Whitehurst and Princesses Will Reign

The ninth grade students elected the queen and the princesses of the 1954 May Fete on Thursday, April 15, in the auditorium.

Judy Whitehurst was selected to reign as queen. Elected princesses were Lynn Smelly, Betty Conrad, Wanda Phears, Arlene Strong, Shirley McKinley, Norma Adams, Bobbie Louise Hainline, Maureen Miller, Kathy Johnson, and Sandra Schoenfield.

The May Fete will be held in the school auditorium on May 13-14, at 7:30 P.M. A dance will follow in the school cafeteria. Admission to the May Fete Coronation will be 50c per person. The same price will be charged for the dance.

This year the May Fete will be different than in the past years. There will be eleven couples in the Coronation, all from the ninth grade.

The voting was done differently too. Any ninth grade girl was eligible to run if she had an average of "H" in conduct for each six weeks period she had been at Pershing. A ballot was prepared for each ninth grade student and they were allowed to vote for eleven candidates. The girl receiving the highest number of votes was proclaimed Queen. Each girl elected will choose her own escort.

Judy Whitehurst, queen of Pershing's 1954 May Fete.

Music Dept. Has Easter Program

The Pershing choral classes, with the aid of the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, presented the Easter program, "Easter in Song," in all three auditorium programs, April 13-15.

Tom Mayor, the narrator, opened the program with a few words which were followed by the Girls' Glee Club singing "Lord God, We Worship Thee" and the Boys' Glee Club singing "Ave Maria." Then the combined Glee Clubs sang "O Lord Most Holy."

Mrs. Patterson played "In The Garden" on the organ while Tommy Tune depicted Jesus in the garden. Then the choral group sang "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" featuring: baritones, Sonny Young and Bill Byrd. Members of the Boys' Octet were: Mack Kidd, Joe Rider, Bobby Taylor, Jimmy Seerden, John Biggs, Lee Gleason, Douglas Tully, and Oscar Creech. The Girls' Ensemble included Sally Stuart, Nancy Bacon, Barbara Nelson, Wanda Phears, Mary Ruth Alstott, Linda Gailbraith, Paula Cox, Mary Lee Maginnis, Betty Conrad, Betty McGrew, Jane Bowman, Louise Wright and Sabra Stratton.

Next the group sang "Were You
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Spanish Club Presents Play

On April 8 and 9 Mrs. Brannen's Spanish Club presented a play celebrating Pan American Day, entitled "Traveling Southward," for the eighth and ninth grade assemblies.

Participating in the performances were: Judy Faulkner and Thomas Bacon, solo pianists; Joe Bob Bayless, a prospective traveler; Lee Gleason, a student from Mexico; Melba St. Clair, China Poblana; and flower girls—Susan Brown, Gayle Hollimon, Susan Bodet, Joan Barricklo, Mary Kay Gibson, Corliss Driscoll, Penny Miller, Ann Goecke, and Nancy Frost. A girl from Thuantepec was portrayed by Marie Russel. Sharon Blasingame and Joe Rollo were a couple from Guatemala. Emmeth Harris and Tom Mayor were guitar-playing gauchos. From Chile were two peasants—Sunny O'Neal and Tommy Tune. Thomas Bacon was the "Spirit of Simon Bolivar." Tango dancers from Buenas Aires were portrayed in true fashion by Sandra Smart and Tom Mayor dancing to "La Cumparsita." In the final scene, which was a gay carnival in Rio, dancers were: Arlene Strong, Gayle Hollimon, Penny Miller, Susan Brown, Joann Koberling, Melba St. Clair, Gayle Fleming, Janis Carter, Joan Donnely,
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Student Council Has New Office

The executive committee of the Student Council has it's new office on the first floor across from the boys' gym.

The boys of the executive committee cleaned up the room and have been busy furnishing it. They have already added a table and several chairs.

The new office is to be used for special business carried on by the council.

Future Teachers See School Offices

By Judy Whitehurst

On April 2, Houston schools' top administrators played host to the members of Pershing Junior High's Future Teachers' Club. The group of 37 students, who plan to take up teaching as a career and are training themselves for the profession, wanted a better idea of how big school systems work.

Friday afternoon the group boarded a school bus and ventured on to the school administrative offices for a tour of the different offices and departments connected with Houston education.

The tour was conducted by Miss Pearle Tallman, assistant superintendent of Junior High Schools. The future teachers met for a minute in Miss Tallman's office where she and Mr. Glen Moss, a member of Pershing's faculty and sponsor of the club, told of early school days and the trials and hard work the first teachers went through. In her office was a display of Pershing art especially arranged for the occasion.

Melba St. Clair and Tommy Tune dance the Spanish Hat Dance.

The interested boys and girls visited several departments of special educational value. Among these was the personnel department, where they learned how teachers are hired, how they apply for jobs, and how employment records are kept. In the curriculum department they were shown how courses of study are developed and in the attendance department, how the census is made.

The club also visited the visual education department, the professional library and the department of testing and special classes directed by Dr. Sadie Aaron.

All agreed that the most interesting part of the tour was the visit to the room where the members of the school board meet. The students fired questions at the guides concerning the intricate speaking systems, the purpose of the board, and its functions.

As a special treat before they left, they met Superintendent W. E. Moreland, the Superintendent of Schools. The students engaged Dr. Moreland in an informal chat and asked him questions about his job. While they were in his office, Dr. Moreland had two important visitors. These were Mr. Scarborough, principal of Pershing's friendly rival, Lanier, and Pershing's own Mr. Ratliff.